

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (withdrawn) A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains an extract obtained by: crushing and drying anyone selected from Euphorbiae radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix; extracting the dried herbal material with alcohol or aqueous alcohol solution; filtering the extract; and concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure.
2. (original) A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains a mixture of extracts from Euphorbiae radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix, the amount of each of the herbal extracts being 5-85% by weight based on 100% by weight of the herbal extract mixture.
3. (original) A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains an herbal extract mixture obtained by: crushing and drying each of Euphorbiae Radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix: mixing the crushed herbal materials together, each of the herbal materials being used at an amount of 5-85% by weight based on the total weight of the herbal materials taken as 100% by weight: extracting the herbal mixture with alcohol or aqueous alcohol solution; filtering the extract; and concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure.
4. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in claim 1.
5. (original) A functional food for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in claim 1.

6. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention and delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in claim 1.
7. (withdrawn) A functional food for the prevention and delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in claim 1.
8. (withdrawn) A composition for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol isolated from Magnolia bark, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
9. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 8, wherein the magnolol is obtained by: extracting Magnolia bark with 80% ethanol aqueous solution at ambient temperature for 24 hours; systematically separating the extract in the order of normal-hexane, ethyl acetate and normal-butanol; selecting the normal-hexane layer 20 and separating the selected layer into pre-fractions by normal silica gel chromatography; comparing the pre-fractions with the standard form magnolol on TLC to determine a magnolol-enriched fraction; and separating magnolol from the magnolol-enriched fraction by silica gel column chromatography.
10. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in claim 8.
11. (withdrawn) A functional food for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in claim 8.
12. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention and 35 delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in claim 8.
13. (withdrawn) A functional food for the prevention and delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in claim 8.